

Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee: Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 229

Title: Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections

Hearing: February 3, 2022

Position: Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports *Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections*. This bill seeks to increase access to injectable antibiotics for STIs.

As the one the largest reproductive health providers we recognize the important of access to injectable STI treatments. The state is currently experiencing a concerning uptick in STI infections and injectable antibiotics are now recommended as the primary treatment for certain STIs in order to combat antibiotic resistance. This bill does not change the requirement that these treatments for STIs be prescribed by a provider but will give patients other options for receiving the injections when the prescriber is unavailable or inaccessible to the patient. This will help ensure that all Marylanders have access to injectable antibiotics for STIs.

We ask for a favorable vote on this legislation. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Scott Tiffin at (443) 350-1325 or stiffin@policypartners.net.